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Submission of Drawings

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are nine sheets of Replacement drawings with Figures 1-3, 4A-4B and 5-8, corresponding to the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawing(s) is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these drawing(s) into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 with copies of Forms PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this patent application on September 23, 2003, attached;
- 2. Submission of Drawings;
- 3. Nine sheets of Replacement drawings, approval of which is respectfully requested; and
- 4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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